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Obituaries

ARTHUR F. SING
Funeral services for Arthur F. Sing, 73, of 1147 W. 204th St., was held at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel Monday, with the Rev. Bob Dehn of the First Baptist Church officiating. Mr. Sing died here Friday after living in Torrance for 19 years.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Dee Sutton of Torrance; a son, E. C. Sing, of San Diego; three brothers, Archie, Roy, and Henry Sing of Tennessee; and two sisters, Mary Waglay of Texas and Maggie Oliphant of Tennessee. Also surviving are eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.
Interment was in Rose Hills.

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Funeral services for Thomas Carroll Creighton, 81, of 1417 Madrid Ave., will be held at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel at 10 a.m. today with the Rev. Walter M. Stanton, pastor of the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church, officiating.

Mr. Creighton, a native of Barnsville, Ohio, had lived here 20 years before his death Monday.

He is survived by his widow, Ida M. Creighton, of Torrance; two sons, Gordon of Las Vegas and John of Redondo Beach; a daughter, Evelyn Coleman, of Torrance; two step-daughters, Mrs. Margarie Collins of Compton, and Mrs. Erma Peterson of Torrance; a brother, Frank Creighton, of Ohio; a niece, Nina De Grucey, of Hermosa Beach.

Interment will be in Green Hills Memorial Park.

EDNA PEARL LAVEN

Funeral services for Edna Pearl Laven, 76, of 1809 Arlington Ave., were held at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel Tuesday, with the Rev. Walter M. Stanton of the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church officiating. Mrs. Laven had lived here for 49 years before her death in Long Beach Saturday.

She is survived by her husband, William E. Laven; a son, Francis of San Pedro; a daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Satchell of Torrance; a sister, Blanche Walker of Illinois; and two brothers, Wright E. Phillips and Lyle Phillips, both of Florida. Also surviving are four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

HARRY BLANCK

Private cremation was held this week for Harry Blanck, 85, of 1118 W. 258th St., who died Friday at Harbor General Hospital after residing in the Torrance area for 22 years.

Mr. Blanck, a native of Kansas, was a retired school teacher and apparently left no survivors.

Stone and Myers Mortuary was in charge of all arrangements.

HOWARD A. WICKER

Funeral services for Howard Addison Wicker, 57, of 1018

Marine, will be held at 10 a.m. today at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Charles Little of the Torrance Church of the Nazarene officiating.

A resident of this area for the past 20 years, Mr. Wicker died Monday. He was a native of Wisconsin.

He is survived by two sons, Ronald of Wilmington and Earl of Fullerton; a brother, James Wicker of Oregon; and five grandchildren.

SUMNER L. OSBORNE

Funeral services for Sumner L. Osborne, 92, of 3503 W. 187th St., were held at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor C. T. Walberg officiating.

Mr. Osborne was a native of Gorham, Me., and had been here one month.

He is survived by a son, Charles D. Osborne, of Torrance; a sister, Mrs. Lilla D. Burnell, of Maine; two granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter.

Cremation was at Pacific Crest Cemetery.

MARGUERITE WEUST

Services for Mrs. Marguerite Winifred Weust, 53, of 23701 S. Western Ave., were conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the Hardin & Flanagan Mortuary. Interment was in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Weust died Sunday in Hawthorne Community Hospital. Born in Indiana, she came to Torrance in 1945.

Survivors are her husband, Frank B.; a son, Frank B., Jr., of Torrance; two daughters, Virginia Mae Fritz of Gardena and Mary Lou Farris of Torrance; a brother, Marion Judd of Santa Paula, and five grandchildren.

JOHN JACOBSEN

Services for John Jacobsen, 69, of 19320 Entradero, will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the Hardin & Flanagan Mortuary.

Mr. Jacobsen, a retired electrician for the Douglas Aircraft Co., died Tuesday in his home. Born in Nebraska City, Neb., he came to Inglewood in 1920, and moved to Torrance four years ago.

Survivors are a son, Don, and a grandchild, Kandi Sue of Torrance.

Interment for the member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers will be in Inglewood Park Cemetery.



SEARS GREETED . . . Chamber President J. H. Paget (left) and Mayor Albert Isen (right) greet Everett Odell, supervisor for Sears, Roebuck and Co. during a Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting here Tuesday which saluted the new Sears store in the Del Amo Shopping Center. The new store, one of the most modern in the Sears chain, will open sometime next month. (Herald Photo)

New Language Labs Set For Several City Schools

(Photo on Page 1)

Casimir Elementary School will start a five-year pilot study of Spanish instruction this fall, while a new twist will be added to foreign language instruction at Torrance's three high schools, according to Assistant Superintendent Albert N. Posner.

Language laboratories — including latest language-teaching equipment — will be installed in one classroom each at Casimir and at North, South, and Torrance High Schools. Spanish, French, German, and Russian classes at the high schools will be able to use them.

A language lab consists of a booth equipped with earphones to allow the student to hear a tape recording of the foreign language spoken correctly. Some booths also are equipped with microphones and tape recording

equipment for the student to record his own voice and compare it with the "expert."

THE LABS have been used by the Army and foreign service for several years with considerable success in training personnel to serve abroad. Several other school districts also have tried them, although Torrance is one of the first to use them for an elementary school.

In other places, the labs have helped students to learn a foreign language by the "audio-lingual" methods. Under terms of Public Law 864, the federal government shared the cost of installation with the school district. Congress appropriates the money to improve language-teaching techniques.

THE BOARD of education recently approved a \$17,500 bid from Magnetic Recording Industries for installation of the equipment. Although the labs will not be ready by the Sept. 10 opening of school, they should be ready by the end of the year.

At Casimir, the elementary language program will involve one class of students in each of the grades from four through eight. With parental approval, youngsters will get about 20 minutes of Spanish instruction per day.

ACCORDING to figures released by State School Superintendent Roy Simpson, Torrance will have five of the 92 elementary foreign language classes in California next year. Elementary students with a good knowledge of Spanish have been picked as instructors for the classes.

Elementary students will make use of the language lab equipment, as will their high school brothers and sisters. The equipment, however, is strictly supplementary to the regular program, officials emphasized.

SOME OF THE benefits of the language labs are reported to be:

1. They furnish correct pronunciation models for students to hear and imitate, rather than mispronunciations of classmates. The students can listen, repeat, practice, and compare pronunciation.
2. The labs can be used for whole classes, small groups, or individuals, as needed.
3. Many students who are shy in pronouncing or mispronouncing before a group, learn readily in the privacy of individual booths.
4. Many tests indicate that learning is more efficient when a language laboratory is used.

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